

Department of Homeland Security

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to or higher than the grade of the immigration examiners, to conduct the examination under section 335 of the Act, provided that each officer so designated has received appropriate training.

(b) *Hearings.* Section 336 of the Act authorizes immigration officers to conduct hearings under that section. A district director may designate the officers who are designated under paragraph (a) of this section to conduct hearings under section 336 of the Act.

(c) *Depositions.* All immigration officers and other officers or employees of the Service who are classified at grade levels equal to or higher than the grade of the immigration officers are hereby designated to take depositions in matters relating to the administration of naturalization and citizenship laws.

(d) *Oaths and affirmations.* All immigration officers and other officers or employees of the Service who are classified at grade levels equal to or higher than the grade of the immigration officers are hereby designated to administer oaths or affirmations except for the oath of allegiance as provided in § 337.2 of this chapter.

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§ 332.2 Establishment of photographic studios.

District directors shall after investigation recommend to the appropriate regional commissioner the establishment and operation of studios providing photographic services. The studios shall be operated by sponsoring organizations on a nonprofit basis solely for the benefit of persons seeking to comply with the requirements of the immigration and naturalization laws. Such studios must be in a building occupied by the Service and be conducted under the supervision of the district director. Each sponsoring organization shall submit an annual accounting of the conduct of each studio to the regional commissioner through the district director.

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§ 332.3 Instruction and training in citizenship responsibilities.

(a) Headquarters and the field offices of the Service shall cooperate with appropriate authorities or organizations in the community to establish and maintain classes within, or under the supervision of, the public schools, for the purpose of preparing applicants for naturalization to accept the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. Service officers shall, whenever practical, visit such classes or otherwise provide necessary liaison with those authorities or organizations that are providing such educational preparation.

(b) Citizenship textbooks and other study materials are intended for the free use of applicants for naturalization who are enrolled in instructional courses in or under the supervision of the public schools as provided in paragraph (a) of this section. Such textbooks and other study materials shall be distributed by the regional offices of the Service to the appropriate representatives of the public schools upon their written and signed requests.

(c) Public school certificates attesting to the attendance and progress of enrollees shall be given favorable consideration by Service officers in determining the applicant's overall knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of the history, principles, and form of government of the United States, and the applicant's ability to read, write, and speak the English language.

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§ 332.4 Cooperation with official National and State organizations.

The Central Office and the field offices shall take steps to obtain the aid of and to cooperate with official National and State organizations in the Service's program of promoting instruction and training of applicants for naturalization for their citizenship duties and responsibilities. Similar action shall be taken in relation to duly accredited unofficial educational, social service, welfare, and other organizations having as one of their objects